

WHAT AMERICANS AND OTHERS ARE DOING IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS

AMERICAN SURGEONS ARE HIGHLY PRAISED

Prof. Truffier Makes Comparison to Detriment of the French Methods.

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PARIS, Feb. 28.—Prof. Truffier, who has just returned here from a visit to the chief American hospitals, delivered a lecture on Thursday on French and American surgery. For patriotic reasons he preferred to compare the methods of the surgeons of the two countries rather than insist on American superiority, which in a two hour discourse he virtually admitted.

Prof. Truffier said the main difference was a radical one. The American hospitals were autonomous, while the French institutions were centralized and all depended on the Assistance Publique. Autonomy, he said, permitted the immediate application of new ideas and tests on a small scale. It spread knowledge and the hospitals brought the wealthy in closer contact with the poor.

Prof. Truffier contrasted the \$4,000,000 given in America to various hospitals in 1912 with the \$240,000 given by the Assistance Publique. A hospital administrator in the United States, he said, is not a fugitive. He holds a position which is much sought after and next to having an ancestor on the Mayflower or being a trustee of Harvard University, it is the greatest source of pride. Such men, Prof. Truffier said, become experts whose advice in arranging hospitals is most valuable.

Praises U. S. Laboratories.

A great advantage to American surgeons, he said, is that their assistants remain with them a long time. Dr. Cushing was seventeen years with Dr. Halstead, and finally spent over ten years at Johns Hopkins University. The brothers Mayo at Rochester, Minn., have assistants who are growing gray, while the French change theirs every four or six months. The professor said that the superiority of American laboratories for scientific surgery was incontestable.

Prof. Truffier expressed great praise of the Rockefeller Institute. He gave unbounded thanks for "its results in a nation which was once responsive only to business, but has now become seized with a passion for science." The Pasteur Institute, which lacks a laboratory for experimental surgery, he said, is unable to compare with the Rockefeller Institute.

Outlines World Project.

Preliminary medical education is far superior in France than in the United States. In the opinion of Prof. Truffier, France has failed to take the advantage which centralization might yield. The Assistance Publique in its handling of all the patients suffering from disease, might draw up the pathological history of a man from his birth to his death. Such records would show how some diseases induce others and some prevent others and perhaps that cancer results from certain constant morbid states during life.

Prof. Truffier seems to have been struck during his last visit to the United States by the predominance of the Germans, whom he called an organized army which no longer becomes scattered. He tried to find out the reason why Americans became medical students in Germany and not in France. He was forced to conclude from his investigations that France had nothing to offer to post graduates.

The professor spoke in the most admiring manner of the great institution of the Mayo brothers. A chance remark that a woman there brought him a certain document led the professor to interpellate a eulogy of women's work in the hospitals in the United States.

PRINCESS MARY A DANSEUSE.

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Seen Titanic Wrecks She Believed in New York.

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CLERK HAD FAMOUS ANCESTORS.

Shakespeare, Lady Godiva and Three Kings All on List.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The executors of the late Thomas Newman Whitehead, a native of Cheltenham, who was for forty-five years town clerk of Burton-on-Trent, have decided to record on his tombstone in Burton public cemetery particulars of his ancestry, and the inscription in this respect will read as follows:

Thirty-seventh in descent from King Alfred the Great, thirty-sixth from King Edward the Elder, thirty-fifth from King Athelstan, thirty-fourth from Guy, the famous Earl of Warwick; thirty-third from Ermengarde, sister of Leo-ric, Earl of Mercia, and Lady Godiva; his wife, better known as Lady Godiva of Coventry; ninth from John, sister of William Shakespeare of Stratford-upon-Avon, the celebrated dramatist.

What tombstones say is not evidence, but if the details as set out above are correct, it is said to think that so much blue and goody blood should go to the making of a mere town clerk.

Miss Pankhurst Active in Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst evidently expects to become an international figure. She is busy organizing the new Ligue Nationale pour le Vote des Femmes in Paris. Whether the French will answer to her militant bugle has not yet been decided.

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ITALIAN CLERICALS ANGRY.

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The Government's decision to participate in the exposition and the appointment of Nathan are bitterly criticized by the Catholic press. It is pointed out by these newspapers that the appropriation of \$400,000 is too small and that the time for organization is too short to allow of a creditable exhibition, while the appointment of Signor Nathan is declared to be an insult to the United States.

The protest seems to be indirectly inspired by the Vatican, partly because of the appointment of Signor Nathan and partly because the Vatican was not invited to exhibit some of its treasures at San Francisco as it was at the Chicago and St. Louis expositions.

Signor Ulivi, the inventor of the F-rays, and by which, it is contended, torpedoes can be exploded from a distance, is negotiating for the sale of his invention to the War Office. He has had offers for his ultra-violet rays from practically all the European Powers and the United States and Japan, but he gave a promise that Italy should have the first option. If the negotiations with the War Office are not closed in two weeks he will consider himself free to sell elsewhere and will conduct his experiments on the Tiber.

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The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Almeric Page, the latter formerly Miss Pauline Whitney, have taken Panshanger, the beautiful estate of Lady Desborough, for the summer.

Mrs. Page, wife of the American Ambassador, has discontinued her Thursday at home until May 14.

The Duchess of Marlborough will return to her residence at Marlborough House after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild.

The Earl and Countess of Essex, the Countess nee Adele Grant, went to the south of France on Wednesday.

Lady Alastair, nee Kerr, nee Anna Bress of New York, has gone to Paris.

Lord and Lady Leith of Fyvie, the latter formerly Miss January of St. Louis, will be in Paris for a few days.

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